

Amanda Jezek

4040 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington VA 22203

ajezek@idsociety.org

571-340-5999

Professional Summary

Accomplished and energetic leader with a history of achievement in advancing health policy goals in the areas of infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, maternal and child health, access to health care, and mental health. Excellent organizational, prioritization, and communication skills and highly trusted judgement.

Experience

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Arlington, VA

Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations

2016-present

Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations

June 2013-2016

Director, Government Relations

July 2011-June 2013

- Lead policy development and advocacy strategy for medical society of over 12,000 physicians and scientists, with a focus on antimicrobial resistance, ID physician workforce, public health emergency preparedness and response, biomedical research and public health.
- Develop and implement strategies to advance the Society's policy goals, including managing internal staff, external consulting firms and volunteer committees.
- Serve as Society's lead representative with Congress, federal agencies and other policy stakeholders and as Society's lead media spokesperson on policy matters.
- Oversee development of written policy materials (testimony, policy proposals, fact sheets, letters, action alerts, regulatory comments, press materials and updates to board of directors).

Key accomplishments

- Designed and implemented successful advocacy strategy that resulted in passage of the Bio-Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program, to provide loan repayment to ID health care professionals (2022) and creation of a bipartisan letter signed by over 30 Representatives urging funding of the Pilot.
- Designed and implemented successful advocacy strategies that resulted in progress on antimicrobial resistance, including passage of 2 bills (GAIN Act, 2012; ADAPT Act as part of 21st Century Cures, 2016), creation of a National Strategy and Presidential Advisory Council and increased funding across multiple federal agencies.
- Positioned IDSA as an expert resource for federal policymakers on infectious diseases issues, outbreaks and pandemics, including COVID-19 and mpox by creating briefing materials, developing recommendations that were incorporated into congressional and agency responses and leveraging a diverse array of communications tools.

March of Dimes Foundation

Washington, DC

Deputy Director, Federal Affairs

July 2006-June 2011

- Direct Foundation's federal policy analysis and advocacy on the Affordable Care Act and other public and private health insurance programs.
- Train and advice chapters in all 50 states on federal and state level maternal and child health policy and advocacy.
- Formulate policy goals and legislation, analyze and respond to legislative and regulatory proposals, coordinate grassroots advocacy and develop written documents (testimony, action alerts, and comment letters).

Key Accomplishments

- Secured inclusion of specific Foundation priorities in the Affordable Care Act
- Worked collaboratively with congressional leadership, White House staff and other organizations to secure votes for the Affordable Care Act.
- Secured inclusion of specific Foundation priorities in enacted legislation to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) .
- Secured opportunities, prepared materials and organized logistics for Foundation President and volunteers to testify before congressional committees and speak at press events with congressional leadership.

National Mental Health Association (Mental Health America)

Alexandria, VA

Government Affairs Associate

September 2004-July 2006

- Coordinated grassroots advocacy efforts of 340 state and local affiliates, including: providing updates on legislative activities; drafting and disseminating sample letters to legislators, talking points and letters to the editor; conducting lobbying trainings.
- Directly lobbied Members of Congress and their staff on priority issues, including mental health parity, Medicaid, healthcare disparities, housing and children's mental health.
- Led a team of staff, board members and volunteer advocates to develop mental health provisions for healthcare disparities legislation and won inclusion of key provisions.

Office of U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano

Washington, DC

Press Secretary and Legislative Assistant

July 2001-September 2004

- Coordinated all media activities, including drafting press releases, op-eds, newsletters and targeted mailers, and floor statements and preparing Congresswoman for interviews.
- Developed and implemented plan to establish bipartisan Congressional Mental Health Caucus, including securing Republican co-chair, recruiting Members, and planning and executing congressional briefings, special orders, dear colleagues and legislative initiatives
- Coordinated appropriations requests.
- Drafted and built congressional support for veterans mental health legislation, which was included in omnibus veterans' health bill and enacted.

Education

Dartmouth College
B.A. Government

Hanover, NH
2001